

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Transportation

BILL: CS/SB 684

INTRODUCER: Senator Perry

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations/Tom Petty Memorial Highway

DATE: December 5, 2017

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Price	Miller	TR	Fav/CS
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I. Summary:

CS/SB 684 designates the portion of SW 34th Street between West University Avenue/S.R.26 and SW Archer Road/S.R. 24 in Alachua County as “Tom Petty Memorial Highway” and directs the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.

The estimated cost to the FDOT to install the designation markers required under the bill is \$1,000. See the heading, “Fiscal Impact Statement” below for details.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations are not to be construed as requiring any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes.¹

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.²

The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the

¹ Section 334.071(1), F.S.

² Section 334.071(2), F.S.

designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, each affected local government must pass resolutions supporting the designations before installation of the markers.³

Tom Petty

Born on October 20, 1950, in Gainesville, Florida, Tom Petty was a singer, songwriter, music producer, and guitarist best known as the front-man of the band, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. His career spanned decades, and he was extremely successful, both as a member of other bands and as a collaborator with numerous other well-known musicians. His final tour with the Heartbreakers ended with a 40th anniversary performance at the Hollywood Bowl in September of this year. A week following the performance, on October 2, 2017, Mr. Petty died of cardiac arrest in California at the age of 66.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill designates the portion of SW 34th Street between West University Avenue/S.R.26 and SW Archer Road/S.R. 24 in Alachua County as “Tom Petty Memorial Highway” and directs the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The estimated cost to erect the designation markers required under this bill is \$1,000, based on the assumption that two markers are required at a cost to the FDOT of no less

³ Section 334.071(3), F.S.

than \$500 each. The estimate includes sign fabrication, installation, and maintenance over time but does not include any additional expenses related to maintenance of traffic, dedication event costs, or replacement necessitated by damage, vandalism, or storm events.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

The bill creates an undesignated section of Florida Law.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Transportation on December 5, 2017:

The CS incorporates a revision to the location of the designation to avoid overlap with an existing designation.

B. Amendments:

None.